

District 3 Report to Assembly May 2017

Al-Anon has been working hard in Jacksonville. We put together a Task Force to update our Election Procedures and Job Descriptions. The first meeting was in January and the follow up meeting was in April. At each meeting there were about five members participating. We think we have the guidelines finalized and hope to present them to the GRs in June. We will be voting on them in June or August depending on how the discussions go.

In March we held a writing workshop. Jill O, Pat A and Nick R came to Jacksonville to facilitate the writing portion of the Fun Day. Approximately 35 people attended the workshop and lots of writing was done. A couple members reported at the April District meeting they had heard back from WSO that their submissions were received. We are excited to see how many are published!

In April, we held our District meeting at a new location – the YMCA. They offered a free meeting space as well as free babysitting. The only requirement was that non-members needed to complete a release. The meeting was a success and we voted to try to meet there again. We are currently waiting to hear back from the Y to see if the room is available for our meeting in June. In order to be self-supporting, the GRs voted to make a donation equal to what we pay the church where we normally meet.

We have several new members attending Assembly and the TEAM event. We also have several members who planned to be there, but are unable to make it. As DR, I fall into the second category. Since we don't have an alternate DR, another officer is attending as the DR for District 3. I'm looking forward to hearing all about the weekend from those who are able to attend.

Sponsored by the Area as a Special Public Outreach Project, District 3 worked with the public service arm of Clear Channel Communications to have Al-Anon PSAs appear on their digital billboards in March, in honor of Lois' birthday. The billboards will appear again in September, to coincide with National Recovery Month. Please see the separate report on the Special Public Outreach Project for more details.

District 3 is planning outreach efforts at the Clinical Overview of the Recovery Experience (C.O.R.E.) Conference scheduled for July in Amelia Island Plantation. We have supported this conference each year for the past three years and have been able to connect with many medical professionals.

We continue to support meetings at three area treatment centers, either by providing literature, encouraging members to attend or both.

We are also considering redesigning our Where and When schedule, and would appreciate any suggestions from the other districts who have done the same recently

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